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SUBJECT: OPENING OF LIAISON OFFICE

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1. ON BASIS REF B AND INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED REF A, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OPEN OFFICE IN EARLY MAY AND ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING ON FOLLOWING TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PERMANENT STAFF. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST.
 2. PLATT WOULD DEPART WASHINGTON APRIL 24 FOR CONSULTATIONS IN HONG KONG, ARRIVING PEKING ABOUT MAY 2. MARINE GUARDS AND AT LEAST ONE SECRETARY WOULD ACCOMPANY. ROPE WOULD ARRIVE WITH PLATT OR SOON AFTER.
 3. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BRUCE, MR. AND MRS. HOLDRIDGE, AND MR. AND MRS. MCKINLEY WOULD DEPART WASHINGTON MAY 1 FOR
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HONG KONG AND ENTER CHINA ABOUT MAY 7. DEPENDING ON
AVAILABILITY, ONE OR MORE SECRETARIES MIGHT ACCOMPANY.

4. HOROWITZ PLANNING TO ARRIVE MID- JUNE. APPRECIATE YOUR
NEED FOR ANDERSON. HOWEVER, HE HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR
HOME LEAVE AND CONSULTATION BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR PEKING,

AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACCOMMODATE. HE WOULD PROBABLY
ARRIVE WITH HOROWITZ. HOPE YOU CAN RELEASE FREEMAN
SHORTLY AFTER PLATT AND ROPE ARRIVE.

5. MARTHA PLANS TO ACCOMPANY WHEN YOU RETURN TO PEKING.
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